

16 March 1959

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR**

**SUBJECT: SNIE 100-2/1-59: The Berlin Crisis**

1. This estimate was scheduled at the USIB meeting on 10 March. With a view to Prime Minister MacMillan's visit this week, it was desired to reexamine the validity of the main propositions in the last Berlin estimate, of 24 February, and to take account of the light thrown on Soviet intentions by developments since that date.

2. The regular procedure was compressed to meet the deadline. A staff draft was laid before the Agency representatives at a first meeting on Friday, 13 March, and their consent obtained to work from that paper at once. A second meeting was held on Sunday, 15 March, to take account of changes desired by the State Department, and to clean up the text.

3. Up to the present moment, we have not been apprised of further changes desired by any of the agencies.

**FOR THE BOARD OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES:**



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